

ing's later policy. From this point of observation, Mr. Canning's policy was a policy of compromise, a policy of reform; but, in another aspect, it may be doubted whether his half-way measures were not, in the eyes of the Tories, a policy of compromise. He had agreed to leave the Tory party, if they would have consented to be cowed by him; for, had he lived, he would have been a Tory, and would have been advancing signs of the age, and kept them in power many years. But their distrust of him afforded him an opportunity of doing more than he had promised, and determined him in due time to read the party which would not permit him to rule. He was not a Tory, and he was not a Whig; but, "third party," he did for the Tories, in 1829-7, what Peel did for them twenty years later—yielded to their wishes, and gave them the power they wanted. He was not a Tory, and he was not a Whig, and formed a *quint* coalition with his ancient opponents. Through this means some measures, which would have been carried by a Tory majority, were sooner carried (though only to a partial extent) than they otherwise might have been. But, on the other hand, the Tories, as a general cause, it now seems depressed than it would have been, had no such coalition been formed and no such compromise made. Through the accession of the "cannibals," the Tories, and the accession diluted the Whigs. It ultimately

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The reader will find much to interest in the excellent letters on our fourth page, "F the Rhine"

The article in to-day's paper on Reform and Reformers of England is long, but will repay an attentive reading.

A letter on the Methodist Episcopal Ch

On hand, many communications, but

Before this number shall go to press shall be in New York. This will account for

The "Captain Thomas" who headed mob at our residence lately, we are requested, is not Captain G. C. Thomas. The former, we believe, resides some distance from Washington. This explanation is due to a very wo-

The speech of Mr. Giddings, on our page, we have somewhat condensed from the report in the Intelligencer. We regret that we do not receive a revised copy of the speech before it was in type. As it is, its vigor and boldness command respect.

FLORIDA WAR.

The ORIGIN, PROGRESS, and CONCLUSION of the FLEET OF THE UNITED STATES. By JOHN T. SPRAGUE, Brevet Captain 1st Regiment United States Infantry. New York: J. B. Lippincott & Co. For sale by Franck Taylor, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington.

if a judicial decision were against their claim to surrender their title. At first, the instruction to the agent appeared to be reasonable. Jan. 5, 1825, Governor Duval writes to Colonel Prebys as follows:

stone of all, and while the chiefs were maintaining their rights in the face of an authority capable of crushing them as a nation, the younger class listened attentively, anxiously awaiting the time when they could act as

This is the testimony of a witness, of un-

which is still regarded as a State of Mexico, President, under that provision of the armistice which binds us to repel the murderous assaults on the savages on the civilized communities of Mexico, had full authority to order a force for that purpose to that State. But, not having the means, he has submitted the subject to Congress, for action. It may vote men and money, and the only difficulty we see is, the probable ratification of the treaty of peace by Mexico. In that event, the introduction of American troops into Yucatán without her consent, would be clearly unwarranted.

It is gratifying to observe that even Mahomedism is not proof against the spirit of reformation that is pervading the earth. Slowly, but certainly,

... Turkey is yielding to the general movement
of our race. A short time since the world was

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